Deputies Meeting
14 October 1970
Subject: COINS

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<u>COINS</u>:

   A. COINS only part of Community information "system" to be managed by DCI (so said DCI).

    . does not <u>have</u> to include capability to interrogate other agencies' files remotely on line.

    . originally CIA was to fund and run store and switch but no money; DIA picked it up.

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    . which comes first--requirement or capability?

    . COINS--single need generates single file.

   B. Conclusion of IP Board is politics of situation requires us to participate.

   C. Three options:

    . DoD go it alone.

    . <u>Single</u> central computer in DIA or NSA.
      <u>Single</u> central computer in CIA.

    . Present COINS system--active involvement.

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<u>NPIC</u>:

   A. If CIA participates in COINS (Options 2 or 3 above), must have dedicated computer.

   B. Leadership by DCI? -- I noted for Option 2 with computer in CIA. Technically, 5 years to early; politically, 5 years.